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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yoshiaki TOMOMATSU )  
Appln. No.: 09/769,467 )  
Filed: January 26, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM )

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the  
application as indicated below.